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SUBJ: GRANT GEOPHYSICS CORPORATION OF US OLYMPIC TO PRC

1) ALBERT PING, US REPRESENTATIVE OF C. ITOH AND COMPANY,
CALLED AT USLO MAY 19 TO DISCUSS EXPORT LICENSE FOR THE
U.S. OLYMPIC, A SEISMIC EXPLORATION VESSEL. PING SAID
THAT A CONTRACT WAS SIGNED WITH MACHIMPEX FOR THE SALE
JAN 17. HE SAID IT HAD BEEN AGREED WITH THE PRC THAT GRANT
WOULD NOT INCLUDE A MARINE STREAMER CABLE, WHICH HAS BEEN
PURCHASED FROM FRANCE. AN APPLICATION FOR EXPORT LICENSE
WAS MADE JAN 18. IN THE MEANTIME, TRANSFER ORDER MA 15475
WAS APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE APRIL 11 TO
TRANSFER REGISTRY OF THE U.S. OLYMPIC FROM U.S. TO PANAMA.
TRANSFER ORDER MA 15476 WAS APPROVED THE SAME DAY TO
TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF THE VESSEL FROM GRANT TO THE CHINA
NATIONAL MACHINERY IMPORT-EXPORT CORPORATION. PING SAYS
THAT GRANT WAS INFORMED BY MEYER OF COMMERCE (IN
RESPONSE TO A CABLE TO PRESIDENT CARTER) THAT
PROCESSING WILL BE COMPLETED IN MAY OR JUNE. A PRC
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INSPECTION TEAM WOULD LIKE TO INSPECT THE SHIP, BUT
PING UNDERSTANDS THAT IT IS DELAYING APPLICATION FOR
A VISA UNTIL IT IS ASSURED THAT A LICENSE WILL BE
GRANTED, NOT WANTING TO REPEAT THE PROBLEM IN THE
DAEDALUS CASE.

2. COMMENT: WE ASSUME THAT THE TWO TRANSFER ORDERS
WOULD

NOT HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY COMMERCE WITHOUT SOME
ASSURANCES THAT THE VESSEL IN FACT COULD BE EXPORTED.
WE WOULD APPRECIATE A STATUS REPORT ON THE CASE.

3). PING TELLS US, INCIDENTALLY, THAT GRANT HAS TURNED
DOWN ANOTHER CHANCE TO SELL ANOTHER \$2.5 MILLION
SEISMIC SHIP TO CHINA BECAUSE OF THE LONG DELAY FORESEEN
IN OBTAINING AN EXPORT LICENSE.
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